



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

March 11, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM

02/26/24 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Carmen Centeno, Food Service, Effective 3/05/24
Martha Orozco Zavala, Food Service - WHS, Effective 2/27/24
Jessica Rojas-Urquiza, Paraprofessional, Effective 3/07/24

Leaves of Absence:

Teacher - Oriole Park, Effective 2/26/24 - 4/15/24
Teacher - West, FMLA, Effective 2/26/24 - 3/04/24
Teacher - WJH, FMLA, Effective 2/29/24 - 3/14/24
Teacher - Oriole Park, Intermittent Leave, 3/06/24 - 4/22/24

Retirements / Resignations:

Carlos Calderon, Paraprofessional - Oriole Park, Effective 3/08/24
Julia Munoz, Food Service - WHS, Effective 3/01/24
Francheska Santiago, Custodial - WHS, Effective 3/01/24

Building Spotlight Presentation
– Wyoming Intermediate:

At the committee meeting, Wyoming Intermediate Principal, Jon Blackburn, and band director, Kelly Laven, introduced WIS band scholars who shared with the Board an overview of their band program and a brief performance. The group meets twice a week at the end of the school day and has learned how to read notes and rhythms, echoing, how to play a mini-scale and how to play Jingle Bells.

Building Spotlight Presentation
– Oriole Park Elementary:

On Thursday evening, Oriole Park Elementary Principal, Kristen Minard, along with staff and scholars, shared with the Board an update on RULER implementation at Oriole Park. The group provided an overview of their class and staff charters, mood meters, and meta moments and how each has impacted their school community.

2024-25 The Scholar First
Proposal:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Scholar First, Inc. consulting proposal for the 2024-25 school year. According to the proposal, The Scholar First, Inc. will consult and facilitate learning centered around the District strategic plan goals, create systems and structures for continuous improvement, provide principal/school leadership training, support implementation of new Essential Standards and High Leverage Teaching Practices, present as the

	Wolf PAC keynote speaker, and lead in-person events that support District strategic plan goals.
KIASB Dinner Meeting:	Following the committee meeting, several members of the Board attended the KIASB dinner at the Kent Career Tech Center. The presentation that evening focused on current CTE offerings from the scholar perspective and what CTE programming might look like in the future.
End of Third Quarter:	The third quarter ended on Friday, March 8 th . The District thanked the entire WPS learning community for all the hard work, attention, and dedication in serving our scholars.
Bargaining Update:	The Board was provided an update on the bargaining process with the WEA.
Rogers Lane Update:	The Board was provided an update of the Rogers Lane property and the programming that is currently operating out of that space.
Radio Purchase: Action Item – Tabled	The radio purchase action item was tabled until the March 25, 2024 Board meeting.
Budget Update:	The Board was provided an update on the 2023-24 budget.
Donor Recognition:	<p>Recently, Joe Steffes, WPS Safety and Security Coordinator, gave a presentation to the Wyoming Kentwood Chamber of Commerce. Following his presentation, several local businesses including LMCU, Tommy Brann, the Edward Jones Foundation, the Family Network, and Marge’s Donut Den generously donated to scholars and families in need.</p> <p>Two local foundations, the JETT (Jasper Endows Today and Tomorrow) Foundation and the Weller Family Foundation donated \$2,500 each in support of the District’s new emergency safety backpack rollout.</p>
Desktop Purchase: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved a quote in the amount of \$75,699.96 for the purchase of thirty-six (36) Lenovo 2023 desktop computers to be used in the new Wyoming Junior High School computer lab and for teacher desktop replacements.
Chromebook Purchase: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the CDW-G quote in the amount of \$316,790.00 for the purchase of one thousand one hundred seventy (1,170) Dell Chromebooks to be used as replacement devices for 1 st , 5 th , and 10 th grade scholars.
Interactive Smart Board Purchase: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved a quote from Data Image LLC in the amount of \$64,775.00 for the purchase of twenty-five (25) new interactive smart boards to be used across the district.

<p>Summer School Update:</p>	<p>In the coming weeks, families will have the ability to register their K-6 scholars for the WPS summer school program. K-6 summer school will run Mondays through Thursdays beginning on Monday, June 3d and ending on Thursday, June 27th. Scholars will meet each day from 9 AM until 12 PM. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation are provided. Summer programming for our secondary scholars will be located at Wyoming High School beginning June 10. 7th and 8th grade scholars will be able to attend June 10 - 27. 9th - 12th grade scholars will be able to attend session 1 (June 10 - 27) and/or session 2 (July 8 - 25).</p>
<p>Alternative Education Update:</p>	<p>The Board was provided an update on the alternative education program. Job postings for staffing will be posted in the near future.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Ferris State University: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan on April 18th to tour campus and attend a FAFSA presentation.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Calvin University: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from Calvin University and Parkview Elementary School on March 14th for jazz band performances.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Hastings Jazz Festival: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from the Hastings Jazz Festival on April 26th to perform, listen to other performances, and check out local jazz exhibits.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Wicked: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from DeVos Hall on May 17th to see Wicked the musical.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Saugatuck Dunes: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School EL scholar trip request for travel to and from the Saugatuck Dunes on May 23rd to examine the impact humans can have on the environment. The group will study how human actions affect things like the level of Lake Michigan, deforestation, and how that changes the dunes over time. The trip will directly tie to the NGSS science standard ESS3C: Human Impacts On Earth Systems.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – BPA Nationals: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from Chicago, Illinois leaving on May 10th and returning on May 14th to attend the BPA National Leadership Conference. Scholars who qualified at State to represent WHS at the National Leadership Conference, will compete in 4-5 different events throughout their time in Chicago.</p>
<p><u>Upcoming Events:</u></p>	<p><u>Board Committee Work Session</u> Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 4:30 PM Thursday, April 18, 2024 – 4:30 PM <u>www.WyomingPS.org</u></p>

Board Meetings:

Monday, March 25, 2024 – 6 PM

Monday, April 22, 2024 – 6 PM

Other:

WHS Festival of Arts - March 23, 2024 - 10 AM - 2 PM

Feeding America Food Pantry – WHS – Mar 25, 2024 – 4:30 PM

Spring Break – March 29th – April 5th

WHS Graduation – May 22, 2024 – 6:30 PM